

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Application Ranking Summary
Private-Federal Grazing Lands

Program: EQIP 2002	Ranking Date:
Ranking Tool: Private-Federal Grazing Lands	
Final Ranking Score:	
Planner:	
Farm Location:	

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	70 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	70 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	70 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	30 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	60 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #1 - HIGH PRIORITY - Applicant has an (a) active CRMP, or (b) an approved Allotment Management Plan or (c) decision on a completed NEPA analysis for the allotment and is located within a priority watershed in the Las Cruces or Socorro BLM F.O. area. If applicant has (a), does not also need (b) or (c). If applicant does not have (a), but does have (b) or (c), must agree to develop approved (a) within one year from date of contract approval (and prior to any EQIP practice installation).	0 Point(s)
2. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #1 -MEDIUM PRIORITY - Applicant has an (a) active CRMP, or (b) an approved Allotment Management Plan or (c) decision on a completed NEPA analysis for the allotment and is located within a priority watershed in the Rio Puerco or Taos BLM F.O. area. If applicant has (a), does not also need (b) or (c). If applicant does not have (a), but does have (b) or (c), must agree to develop approved (a) within one year from date of contract approval (and prior to any practice installation)	0 Point(s)
3. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #1 - LOW PRIORITY - All other applications	0 Point(s)
4. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #2 - This application is in a BLM F.O. 8-digit priority watershed?	75 Point(s)
5. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #3 - This application includes land that is included within, or is adjacent to, an identified large landscape scale project, and has one or more of the following invasive plants, and will include brush management to reduce or eradicate them? (juniper, mesquite, creosote, sagebrush, salt cedar, russian olive, other)	65 Point(s)
6. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #4 - Practices will be included in this contract which will directly benefit a riparian habitat, including treatment of salt cedar and/or russian olive?.	50 Point(s)

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7. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #5 - Practices will be included in this contract which will reduce runoff and soil erosion within the watershed?	40 Point(s)
8. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #6 - NMDA Class A or B noxious weeds are present and will be treated?	30 Point(s)
9. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #7 - This contract will include practices which will enhance habitat for Special Status Species (T&E, candidate, other BLM identified species), or important game management areas?	40 Point(s)
10. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM #8 - Existing partnerships are in place and have made a commitment to facilitate the completion of this contract?	50 Point(s)
12. Private-Fed. Grazing - FS #1 - HIGH PRIORITY - Applicant has an active CRMP that includes an allotment on any Nat'l Forest, in addition to an approved Allotment Management Plan or decision on a completed NEPA analysis for that allotment. MEDIUM PRIORITY - Applicant has an approved Allotment Management Plan or decision on a completed NEPA analysis for that allotment on any Nat'l Forest and agrees to complete the development of a CRMP within one year (and prior to any EQIP practice installation). LOW PRIORITY - All other applications involving USFS administered lands.	0 Point(s)
13. Private-Fed. Grazing - FS #2 - Threatened or endangered species (or designated critical habitat) are within this application area and the contract will include practices which will enhance their habitat?	60 Point(s)
14. Private-Fed. Grazing - FS #3 - Riparian habitat is within this application area and practices will be included which will directly benefit this habitat?	70 Point(s)
15. Private-Fed. Grazing - FS #4 - This contract will include practices that will address runoff and soil erosion?	65 Point(s)
16. Private-Fed. Grazing - FS #5 - This application is within a NMED Category I watershed?	65 Point(s)
17. Private-Fed. Grazing - FS #6 - NMDA Class A or B noxious weeds are present. This contract will include practices that will eradicate/prevent infestation?	40 Point(s)
18. Private-Fed. Grazing - FS #7 - One or more existing non-functional structural practices (which were not originally installed with USDA FA funds) will be reconstructed.	50 Point(s)
19. Select Question 19, 20, 21 or 22 Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM/FS #1 - Grazing will be deferred for 10-25% of the growing season on at least one-third of the contracted acres?	15 Point(s)
20. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM/FS #2 - Grazing will be deferred for 26-50% of the growing season on at least one-third of the contracted acres?	30 Point(s)
21. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM/FS #3 - Grazing will be deferred for 51-75% of the growing season on at least one-third of the contracted acres?	50 Point(s)
22. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM/FS #4 - Grazing will be deferred for more than 75% of the growing season on at least one-third of the contracted acres?	75 Point(s)
23. Select Question 23 or 24 Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM/FS #5 - This contract will include at least three of the following practices? Fence (382), Spring Development (574), Watering Facility (614), Wildlife Watering Facility (648), Range Planting (550), Prescribed Burning (338), Streambank & Shoreline Protection (580), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548), Pond (378), Diversion (362).	40 Point(s)

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24. Private-Fed. Grazing - BLM/FS #6 - This contract will include at least five of the following practices? Fence (382), Spring Development (574), Watering Facility (614), Wildlife Watering Facility (648), Range Planting (550), Prescribed Burning (338), Streambank & Shoreline Protection (580), Grade Stabilization Structure (410), Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548), Pond (378), Diversion (362).	75 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. There are no local issues for this ranking tool.	0 Point(s)